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surface treatment agent is prepared by emulsifying oil by the agency of a surfactant.

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Claim 4 (Twice amended) A method of preventing contamination of a surface of a drum drier used in a paper machine, said method comprising the following steps 1) to 5):

- A<sup>2</sup>
- 1) supplying oil from a spray nozzle to the surface of the drum drier in rotation, facing a paper strip, while the paper strip is fed by the paper machine;
  - 2) filling up recesses in microscopic asperities on the surface of the drum drier with the continuing supply of an oil;
  - 3) forming a thin oil film on the surface of the drum drier with the recesses of the microscopic asperities thereof already filled up by the continuing supply of the oil;
  - 4) transferring the oil to the paper strip by keeping the drum drier and the paper strip pressed into contact with each other, depleting the oil film; and
  - 5) replenishing the drum drier with the oil continuously supplied upon depletion of the oil film by an amount of depletion.
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Please ADD the following claims:

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Claim 5. A method for preventing contamination of the surface of a drum drier as in claim 1, wherein the surface treatment agent is prepared by adding an amount of water to the oil, wherein the amount of water is 3 to 30 times as much as the oil.

Claim 6. A method for preventing contamination of the surface of a drum drier as in claim 1, wherein a mixing ratio of the surfactant ranges from 5 to 70 wt% against the oil.

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